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SUBJ: REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 2 -- CREATION OF AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION: COMMISSION RESPONSE.

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1. RESPONSE TO REFTEL BY MEMBERS OF COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCHANGE BETWEEN U.S. AND PERU FOLLOWS:

2. IN GENERAL, ALL MEMBERS AGREED THAT EXCHANGES IN SUPPORT OF
SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS MUST BE MAINTAINED AS INDEPENDENTLY
AS POSSIBLE FROM OTHER CHANNELS USED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN
U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENTS ARE QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

MARIO SAMAME BOGGIO: I THINK THAT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN
THE U.S. AND PERU SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS THEY NOW EXIST IN AN
INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS FORM AND NOT JOINED TO THE INFORMATION
SERVICES. THESE TWO AREAS, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE MATTERS IN COMMON,
SHOULD BE MANAGED IN DIFFERENT WAYS. THAT IS TO SAY THAT THE
ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN
AMERICA, IN THIS CASE PERU, WOULD BE BETTER SERVED THROUGH
INDEPENDENCE IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES AND BUDGETS. THE PERSON
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WHO WILL DECIDE PRIORITIES UNDER THE NEW PLAN IS THE CHIEF OF THE
NEW AGENCY AND NOT THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE
UNTIL NOW. THERE APPEAR THEREFORE TO EXIST A DANGER OF THE
PROGRAM LOSING STATUS AND THIS COULD AFFECT IMPORTANT DECISIONS
REGARDING PRIORITIES.

CARLOS RODRIGUEZ SAAVEDRA: THE GENERAL TENDENCY FOR GOVERNMENT

IS TO MOVE TOWARD A CONCENTRATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF ADMINISTRATION. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS IS GOOD OR BAD IS DIFFICULT TO ANSWER, MUCH DEPENDS ON HOW IT IS USED, AND IF IT IS USED WITH APPROPRIATE INTENTIONS. IF LEADERSHIP IS NOT GOOD THE RESULTS WILL BE UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE THERE WILL BE LESS CONTROL. IF THESE CHANGES REPRESENT AN INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS THE RESULTS WILL BE GOOD. THE EMPHASIS GIVEN BY PRESIDENT CARTER REGARDING A RESPECT FOR THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS AND ON PLURALISM IS GOOD. THE ATTITUDE OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT IS EXCELLENT BECAUSE IT IS PRESENTED IN DEFENSE OF THE OPINIONS HELD BY MEMBERS OF

COMMISSIONS, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

MAURICIO SAN MARTIN: IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO KEEP ACADEMIC MATTERS AS INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE.

FELIPE MACGREGOR: THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES IS A VERY IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE ACTIVITY. THIS IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS COMES ABOUT THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THE INDEPENDENCE OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES IN SUPPORT OF SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE TIED IN ANY WAY TO OTHER CHANNELS AVAILABLE FOR BRINGING THIS ABOUT. THE FURTHER THESE EXCHANGES ARE KEPT FROM PROPAGANDA CHANNELS THE BETTER. THEY ARE IN NO WAY THE SAME SORT OF CHANNEL AS THE VOICE OF AMERICA AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE CONJOINED TO IT IN ANY WAY.

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4. POST COMMENT: IT IS THE VIEW OF THE POST THAT THE ANSWERS PRESENTED ABOVE MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF QUESTIONS BEING ASKED OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NO REASON TO BE FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE CURRENT OPERATIONS OF EITHER THE EMBASSY/USIS IN THE HOST COUNTRY NOR OF USG OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON. RELATIONS WITH THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION UNDER THE NEW REORGANIZATION PLAN AS WE UNDERSTAND IT HERE WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. THAT IS, THE CAO AND ACAO, BOTH USIS OFFICERS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE EMBASSY CONTACTS. ANY FOREIGN NATIONAL ASKED AS TO WHETHER HE PREFERS INDEPENDENCE IN THE OPERATION OF AA EXCHANGE PROGRAM OR WHAT IW PERCEIVED AS NEW CONTROLS BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAPPENS TO BE PROVIDING THE FUNDS WILL NATURALLY OPT FOR INDEPENDENCE.

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